

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation. It seems to me that it is blatantly illegal.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves at no cost, and is therefore legally obligated to serve the public interest. When these large companies control the airwaves, we are at risk of getting more of what that company wants, and less of what we need for our democracy. We need less news and other programming that is produced centrally, and more programming from our own communities with substantive, unbiased news about relevant issues.

Sinclair's actions are a perfect example of why the federal government needs to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.